



# FEMA

## *Living on the River and Loving It*

**Weatherford, TX** - Larry and Jenanne Thompson have returned home following several flooding events to find their home virtually unscathed by the creeping waters of the Brazos River. Past experience with flooding guided them in the right direction with regard to the building process.

The 1,670 square foot, wood frame house they call home is elevated 12 feet, one inch above the original slab-on-grade foundation and rests on an open wooden column system. The cost of the project was estimated at \$70,000. It was secured through homeowner financing.

On June 18, 2007 water from the Brazos River crept upon the land of Horseshoe Bend. According to the local floodplain of their Weatherford home administrator, the flood gauge was documented at 27.5 feet, approximately 2.5 feet over flood stage.

After the water receded, the Thompson's returned home to assess the damage. Debris from the river had once more been swept into the area beneath their home. The living area, on the other hand, was high and dry.

At the house next door, a small wood frame house resting on cinder blocks, more than four feet of water had flooded the home. The neighbor was a newcomer to the community.



**Parker County,  
Texas**



### **Quick Facts**

Sector:

**Private**

Cost:

**\$70,000.00 (Estimated)**

Primary Activity/Project:

**Elevation, Structural**

Primary Funding:

**Homeowner**